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**Mail Stop: Petition**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/725,543; Filed: December 3, 2003  
For: **System Having A Rotating Optical System And A Non-Planar Prism  
That Are Used To Obtain Print And Other Hand Characteristic  
Information**  
Inventors: McClurg *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1823.0820004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

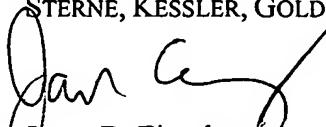
1. Petition to Make Special Under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. 708.2(IV);
2. Statement In Support of Petition to Make Special Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. 708.2(IV) executed by the inventor; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

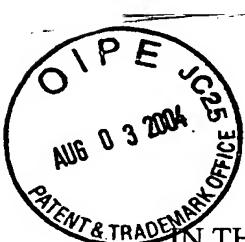
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*Attn: Mail Stop Petition*

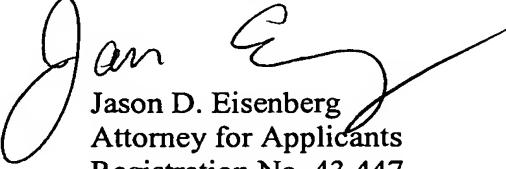
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Sir:

This is a petition to the Assistant Commissioner to make the above-identified patent application special. Applicant hereby petitions to make the above-captioned application special on the basis of age (see, 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. Section 708.02(iv)). A verified statement showing that the Applicant is at least 65 years of age or more, accompanies this Petition. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the application be made special and that examination be advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

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1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. 708.02(IV)**

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Sir:

I, John F. Carver, a co-inventor of the above-captioned non-provisional patent application, am at least 65 years of age or more.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and all statements made herein were made with the knowledge that whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the USPTO, knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be subject to the penalties set forth under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that violations of this paragraph may jeopardize the validity of the application or document, or the validity or enforceability of any patent resulting therefrom.

Signed:

  
John F. Carver

Date:

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